- **Visitation** If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know.
- Want to Know More About COG? We're so glad you're
 worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more
 about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali
 (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 20, 2023

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church Brooklyn Center, MN

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CROSS OF GLORY!

This year, we are working to listen for and live into God's call to life together.

Here's what that looks like in our worship life...



LENT
Stories of Call:
A Season of
Prayerful Listening



EASTER
Stories of Life:
A Season of
Proclaiming Life Amidst Death



PENTECOST
Stories of Togetherness:
A Season of
Exploring Life Shared Together



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVNESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another... If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for confession and repentance.

P: Most merciful God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion, forgive our sin and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that God who is rich in mercy and abundant in love, forgives you all your sin, freeing you for life, and life together.

A: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour Join us after worship today for a time of food and fellowship! NOTE: We need more hands to help serve in order to continue serving coffee/treats in the coming weeks! We'd be glad to show you the ropes of set-up, serving, and clean-up...add your name to the list at the Welcome Desk and we'll help get you oriented!
- God's Work Our Hands Sunday Join us for God's Work Our Hands Sunday on Sept 10. The morning will include worship, a potluck brunch, and other activities, as we'll share more about in the coming weeks.
- has been working to put God's call into words in what we're calling a "Community Liturgy." We'd love to share a draft of it with you and hear what you think! Join us for a short Discernment Dialogue next month to share your thoughts, questions, and ideas. *Note: all are welcome to take part, even if you haven't taken part in previous pieces of our Vision + Vocational discernment process! Sign up at the Welcome Desk, on our website, or by calling the church office (763-533-8602).
- 5:30 pm on the last Wednesday of the month as we break bread together in the courtyard (weather permitting). This month's meal is a potluck: bring a dish that represents "comfort food" to you...as well as some friends and neighbors!
- Fresh Food in the Neighborhood CAPI distributes free fresh produce on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month between 1-3 pm now through mid-Oct at 5930 Brooklyn Blvd. To sign up to help with distribution, visit www.capiusa.org/get-involved. CEAP has a free outdoor produce market and community celebration on Wednesdays from 3pm-5pm, July 12-Aug 30. Produce packing will be 1pm-3pm and distribution shifts will be 2:30pm-5:30pm. To sign up to help, visit www.ceap.org/get-involved/. And the BC Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 2-7 pm between June 29-Oct 26 at 7200 Brooklyn Blvd.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Erik Haugland, Kim Jacobson, Laura McClanahan

Guitar: Josh Smith

Greeters: Bob Wertz, Luella Hinnenkamp Simon, and Ron and Lois Tollefsrud

Reader: Kim Jacobson

Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson, Steve Ferley

Communion: Bob Wertz, Sharon Quick,

Judy Olson

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn and

Bill Bailey

Fellowship: Kathrine and Bob Wertz, Kris

Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

Mavis Wold Norma Gilbertson Audrey Swanberg Jeannie Kuzmich Dick Mero

Eric Thompson & family

DeLores Olson
Sharon Quick & Sue Birch
Martha Krueger
Josh Day
Penny Lindblom
Dan Jacobson

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.

** Please rise as you are able **

MUSIC We are Part of His Family

Verse

We are part of His family, Called to give God praise. We are children of blessing.

Celebrate God's grace. (repeat)

Chorus

Hallelujah!

With my brothers I'll praise You.

Hallelujah!

With my sisters I'll sing.

Hallelujah!

With my brothers I'll praise You.

Hallelujah!

With my sisters I'll sing.

Bridge

We are God's adopted family, Chosen from iniquity. We've been made God's sons and daughters.

We are children of the King.

(Chorus)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. P: Let us pray together:

All: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. May our traditions and our teachings reflect this embrace, that through the power of your love, the world would be healed. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Word

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

SCRIPTURE READING

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,

and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,

Jonas

^{**} Please be seated **

to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the fifteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth

Verse 4

For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

Verse 5

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

As we pray the Prayer of Good Courage, we invite you to rise as you're able and face the back doors, a reminder that as we go into the world, we go with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, By paths as yet untrodden, Through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage. Not knowing where we go, But only that your hand is leading us, And your love supporting us, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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^{**} Please rise as you are able **

Christ through word and deed, care of others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace? If so, please respond "we will, and we ask God to help and guide us."

New member: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: People of Cross of Glory, I ask you now will you support these new members in our faith community and share with them God's wide welcome in our shared life together? If so, please respond, "We will, and we ask God to help and guide us."

Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray: We thank you, God, for these new members of our congregation. Bind us to each other in you, and empower us for service, that together we would be witnesses to your love in the world.

ALL: Amen.

** New members can return to their seats, the congregation is invited to welcome our newest members with a round of applause **

SENDING BLESSING

P: The Spirit of Pentecost continues to move in our midst, Stirring us to love neighbor and enemy, Empowering us to work for peace and justice, And enlivening us to share God's gift of life together. So go with good courage, for the Spirit goes with you.

ALL: Amen!

MUSIC The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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Verse 1

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Verse 2

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

** Please be seated **

SERMON

MUSIC Living Waters Getty/Cash

Verse 1 Verse 2

Are you thirsty? Christ Find re

Come and drink these living waters. At the cross of living waters.

Tired and broken, Peace unspoken,

Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling,

Find refreshing

Lay your life down, All the old gone,

Rise up in these living waters.

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^{**} Please rise as you are able. Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! **

Chorus

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure.
Do not fear anymore.
Praise the Lord of living waters.

Verse 3

Spirit moving,
Mercy washing,
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children
To the shoreline,
Life is in these living waters.
(Chorus)

Verse 4

Are you thirsty?

Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness,
Vast and boundless,
Christ He is our living waters.
(Chorus)

Ending

There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore. Praise the Lord of living waters.

Apostles Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH

** Please rise as you are able **

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pre-Chorus

By Your mercy we come to Your table By Your grace You are making us faithful

Chorus

Lord we remember You
And remembrance leads
us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
(We respond to Your invitation)
We remember You

Verse 2

See His body His blood Know that He has overcome Ev'ry trial we will face And none too lost to be saved None too broken or ashamed All are welcome in this place (Choruses)

Bridge

Dying You destroyed our death
Rising You restored our life
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory (Chorus)

COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending -

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Pastor: We rejoice in the opportunity to welcome new members: Tom Marquardt, Rachel Marquardt, Ravion Marquardt, Markia Marquardt, Steve Sebald, Chellie Sebald, Joel Sebald, Adalyn Sebald, Melody Sebald, Evelyn Cole, James Smith, Robert Smith, and Andrea Bohn into our life together here at Cross of Glory! New members, please join Pastor Ali up front as we officially welcome you...

P: In response to God's love and grace you are joining with us in this community of faith today, and we are so delighted to welcome you! We ask you now, as you live out these same baptismal vocations as God's people, in this place and in the world, will you: trust in God, proclaim

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LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be happy to bring it to you.

The body of Christ is given for you. The blood of Christ is shed for you. Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC This Is Christ's Body #967

This is Christ's body, broken and blest.

Feed us with mercy and love.

(with mercy and love.)

We are Christ's body, broken and blest.

Heal us and make us one.

Remembrance Maher/ Redman

Verse 1

MUSIC

Oh how could it be That my God would welcome me Into this mystery

Say take this bread take this wine Now the simple made divine For any to receive

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

** Please be seated **

OFFERING

The Spirit moves through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



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MUSIC O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

Verse 1

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

Verse 2

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed: vet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

Verse 3

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Verse 4

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear us, O God. All: Come, Holy Spirit.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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